

## THE FIRST AID SHOP

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Prepared- 2 July 1945

Signed 14 July 1945

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending the

## UNITED STATES SHIP LST-464

for service as follows:

"For extremely meritorious service in support of military operations as First-Aid Ship during the Campaign to recapture the Philippines from October 24 to December 30, 1944. Operating gallantly despite despite the blacked-out harbor, rough waters, enemy Japanese gunfire and repeated dive-bombing and suicide-plane attacks, the USS LST-464 carried on her vital service of receiving and caring for casualties prior to their transfer to hospital ships. Maintaining constant readiness to aid as the number of wounded and injured increased under the fury of the enemy's fanatic opposition, she responded promptly and competently to all calls for help and proceeded boldly to beach or ship to take aboard men stricken in battle, often far in excess of her designed capacity. The courage and skill of her medical officers, her corpsmen and the stouthearted crew who manner her, and their tireless efforts under the most gruelling conditions, made the LST-464 a symbol of devotion to duty. Although a small ship and only one among the many hundreds participating in the Philippines invasion she was recognized by the enemy as a potential factor toward the success of our forces and was singled out as a major target for Japanese airmen."

All personnel attached to and serving on board the LST-464 during the above mentioned period are hereby authorized to wear the NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon,

Copy to:

/SIGNED/ JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy

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SEVENTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE  
Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

6 August 1944

From: Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force  
To: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LST 464.  
Subject: Letter of Commendation.

1. Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force takes great personal pleasure in commending the Commanding Officer, officers and enlisted personnel of the U.S.S. LST 464 for their outstanding performance of duty during the operations of the U.S. Naval Forces in the HUMBOLDT BAY area up to 6 July 1944 inclusive. The energy and devotion to duty displayed by all in providing assistance to other ships and personnel is most commendable and in accordance with the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

2. It is directed that this commendation be read at quarters to all officers and men and that a copy be attached to the next fitness report of each officer and to the service record of each enlisted man.

W. M. FECHTELER

Copy to:  
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LOCs, Humboldt Bay.

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FOR THE EXCELLENT SURGICAL CARE YOU HAVE GIVEN OVER FIFTEEN HUNDRED WOUNDED OF BOTH ARMY AND NAVY IN THE PAST MONTH UNDER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS X A JUSTLY DESERVED WELL DONE X

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HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY SERVICES OF SUPPLY

APO 707  
27 December 1944

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation.

TO : The Surgeon, Seventh Fleet, c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California.

Sincere appreciation is expressed for the services rendered by the medical personnel and crew of the LST 464, to the Army casualties suffered in the harbor and on the beaches in Leyte Gulf.

This ship with its personnel has met an emergency need in a manner in keeping with the highest traditions of Navy service by remaining in the harbor continuously since A day, going to the sides of stricken ships and taking off their wounded, receiving casualties from the shore before hospitalization could be established, operating day and night frequently under fire.

The skill of her medical personnel and the tireless work of every member of her crew resulted in the saving of many lives and in the lessening of suffering and disability of hundreds of wounded men.

GUY B. DENIT  
Brigadier General, United States Army  
Chief Surgeon

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UNITED STATES ARMY SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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APO 707  
19 JAN 1945

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION

TO : Commanding Officer, LST 464, c/o Fleet Post Office.  
THROUGH: Commander, Seventh Fleet.

1. It gives me great pleasure to commend you and the officers and men of your command for the outstanding services rendered to army casualties in Leyte Gulf.

2. Without consideration for personal safety during frequent air attacks and without thought of rest or relief, you and your men operated LST 464 from A-day to 3 January 1945 in the immediate vicinity of the beaches on which our first landings in the Philippine Islands took place. During this time, you provided medical care for army casualties before hospital facilities could be established on the beaches. You also proceeded into the dangerous area when cargo vessels were hit and remained until all wounded were taken aboard. Casualties from both shore and sea were given superior medical and surgical attention until transferred to more permanent hospital facilities.

3. By the diligent efforts and exemplary conduct in the accomplishment of this mission, the personnel of LST 464 saved the lives and reduced the suffering and future disability of a large number of men of this command.

J.L.FRINK  
Major General, United States  
Army, Commanding

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